

Resolution No. 2019-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 70, WHICH WOULD PREVENT THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE FROM TRANSFERRING UNAPPROPRIATED CASH BALANCES FROM THE STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING TRUST FUND.

WHEREAS, Florida counties have an obligation to provide for the housing needs of their current and anticipated populations and assisting lower income families is dependent upon sufficient housing assistance from federal and state programs; and

WHEREAS, the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act of 1992 provides a dedicated revenue source for the production and preservation of affordable housing, including funding for the local State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP); and

WHEREAS, the SHIP program provides funds to local governments as an incentive to create partnerships that produce and preserve affordable homeownership and multifamily housing for very low, low and moderate income families.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has swept funds from the Sadowski state and local housing trust fund, in full or in part, into general revenue to be used for purposes other than affordable housing for the past decade; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis has included Sadowski and Local Housing Trust Fund Monies in his proposed budget for FY 2019/2020; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County is projected to receive \$966,334 from the Sadowski state and local housing trust funds in Fiscal Year 2019-2020; and


WHEREAS, Nassau County's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee is tasked with addressing the community's housing needs and making recommendations to the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners to achieve those goals; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee finds that it is imperative that Sadowski state and local housing trust fund monies be used solely for Florida's affordable housing programs, to ensure that counties are able to meet the housing needs of their residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 25th day of February, 2019, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

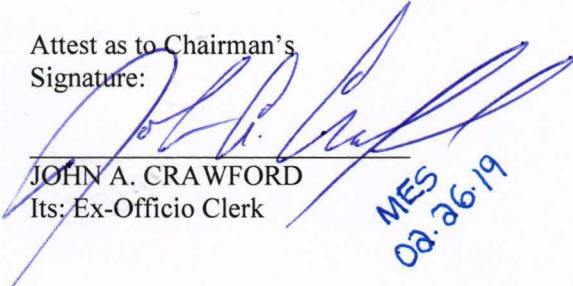
- 1. The Board recognizes that Nassau County residents are dependent upon housing assistance from federal and state programs.
- 2. The Board supports Governor DeSantis' FY 2019/2020 budget request for Sadowski and Local Housing Trust Fund monies.
- 3. The Board requests that all Sadowski state and local housing trust fund monies be used solely for Florida's affordable housing programs.
- 4. The Board supports adoption of Senate Bill 70 to prevent the Florida Legislature from transferring unappropriated cash balances from the State Housing Trust Fund and the Local Government Housing Trust Fund.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



JUSTIN M. TAYLOR
Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's
Signature:



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

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02.26.19

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:



MICHAEL S. MULLIN